THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The audited accounts of 1984-85, 1985-86 and the provisional accounts of 1986-87 show that SCI has earned profits.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Release of grant to balwadi nutrition programme

1810. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3662 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th August, 1987 and state :

(a) whether the grant under Balwadi Nutrition Programme to Matru Mandir, Maharashtra has been restored; and

(b) if so, since when and whether any grant which was not given for earlier has also been provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The restoration of grant-in-aid to Matru Mandir, Maharashtra is under consideration.

Manufacturers of ayurvedic drugs on the approved list of the CGHS

1811. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of manufacturers of Ayurvedic drugs are on the approved list of Central Government Health Scheme;

(b) whether all of these have their own manufacturing units because some of the suppliers are purchasing the drugs from the market and are only doing the packing under their own name with the blessing of Central Government Health Scheme authorities; and

(c) if so, whether Government intents to enquire the whole shady affair through some investigating agency to unearth the scandal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) 70 firms.

(b) and (c) Yes all except two firms namely M|s. Anant Trading Co., New Delhi and M|s. Kirti Industries, Bombay who are sole distributors of M|s. Bemedz Alam Bagh Lucknow and M/s. Ahuja Pharmaceutical Ltd. Bombay, have their own manufacturing units.

Railway Division at Rangiya in Assam under Northeast Frontier Railway

1812. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways proposed to set up a Division at Rangiya under Northeast Frontier Railway, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the same has not been set up at Rangiya so far; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) when Government propose to set up a Division at Rangiya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal, initiated by the Assam Govt. for the setting-up of a new railway Division at Rangiya, had been under consideration by the Railways at one time. However, the proposal was ultimately shelved in the year 1975, in view of the stringent financial position of the Railways. The question of creation of new railway Divisions on Indian Railways, as a whole was also examined subsequently by a high-power Committee, based on considerations of administrative convenience and operational requirements. The Committee has not recommended creation of this Division.

(c) This does not arise, in view of the foregoing. In fact, owing to the

constraints of resources, the Railways are not going in for the creation of any more of new Divisions, for the present.

Child abuse

1813. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that according to a UNICEF report child abuse has been on the increase in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to meet the situation and minimise child abuse in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) In the Conference Report 'Children First' on the SAARC Conference on South Asian Children held in New Delhi on 27—29 October, 1986 (which is not a document of the UNICEF), a reference has been made to increasing child abuse in the countries of the region. There is also a reference in the UNICEF Annual Report 1987 to the rising incidence of child abuse in the developing world. These references are not focused on India as such.

(b) On form of child abuse that is increasing in the incidence of children at work. Several Steps have been taken to deal with the problems of child labour as shown below:

(i) The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act was passed in December, 1986 to prohibit the employment of children below 14 years in certain specified occupations and processes and to regulate the employment of children in other permitted employments.

(ii) The National Child Labour Policy was formulated in August 1987, with the object of bringing certain facilities to children who are removed from work and children who work in permitted employment. These facilities could be in the shape of non-formal education, health care, vocational training, recreation facilities and raising of the income of the families of child workers through poverty of the income of the families of child workers through poverty amelioration programmes.

(iii) Voluntary organisation in different parts of the country are given financial assistance for taking up projects to benefit child workers.

The Government of India has also enacted the Juvenile Justice Act, 1986 to check other forms of child abuse. The Act provides for punishment for offences in respect of juveniles, like employment of juveniles for begging, giving intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances to juveniles and cruelty or exploitation of juveniles.

Integrated Child Development Service in Rajasthan

1814. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated for the Integrated Child Development Service Programmes in Rajasthan during 1987-88; and

(b) what are the names of districts which have been covered under this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No specific year-